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1. Approximately 6,000 men commanded by a Major Petrolov [redacted] as the "IX Infantry Group", moved from Neuruppin (Z48) to the Wittenberge-Bad Wilsnack area (Y69 89) in early May. These troops were equipped with carbines, light automatic rifles, and 60 mm mortars.

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2. On 9 May the above troops were replaced in Neuruppin by an armored unit with 250 T-34 and 50 Stalin tanks, plus approximately 1,000 infantrymen equipped with 250 multiple rocket launchers and 40 heavy AA guns. The latter guns were set up at various points on the outskirts of Neuruppin in batteries of four guns each. A large amount of AA ammunition was stored in the wooded area near Wuthenow (Z49). Since their arrival, the troops have participated in maneuvers for a few days each week in the Walsleben area (Z39).

3. An infantry unit of approximately 3,000 men [redacted] have been in training around Eiche, Bornim and Grube (all Z53) during early June, has returned to the USSR. These eastbound troops were accompanied by an armored unit equipped with 250 undescribed vehicles. It is reported that replacements of the year classes 1924-1929 are due in the area.

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4. Hornstorf (T59) is said to have received 8,000 infantrymen year classes 1926-1928, in early May. These troops have been receiving training in the use of multiple rocket launchers and an anti-tank weapon.

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